

left two had come out and a good interest. Since that several more have come and the work goes on; full report when they close. I came to Poplar Grove to begin service. The German Baptists are holding meeting on one side of us and the Methodists on the other, but the waters are being troubled. The power is coming and I believe we will have a victory for Christ before we close. More soon. Yours for salvation,

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Once more we are glad to report that souls are coming home. Jan. 12, we commenced a meeting at New Paris, preached nineteen sermons to a full house. Ten made the good start. Sunday, Jan. 30, we went to the baptistery at Milford, where there was a large congregation to witness the baptismal service, after which we went back to Paris. At night the house was filled to overflowing with a good interest and one confession at the close of the meeting. I asked several why they did not start. One said he came expecting to start, but his heart failed him. Others made similar excuses. From there we came to Syracuse where we are now holding up the Word of God. We are somewhat tired, this being our fifth meeting since state conference, but with such faith as the few brethren and sisters that are here we expect victory. So far the house is filled and a good interest. Pray for us.

ARTHUR T. WIRICK.

Holsingerisms,—No. 12

I have just been favored with a copy of the *Brethren Annual* for 1898. I find in the list of ministers the names of three brethren who have been dead for several years or more. They are Solomon Benshoof, Pa., A. J. Carmer, Ind., John Harley, Pa. A good method is for the editor to have a copy of this year's almanac within easy reach of his desk, in which to mark such changes as may be brought to his notice through his correspondence during the year: to wit, this item.

Since my last brother Samuel Cain, of Hudson, Iowa, one of the charter members of the Brethren church in Iowa, has passed from labor to reward. I was personally acquainted with Brother Cain for nearly forty years, and while we did not fully agree upon all the minor points of religion, he was always one of my patrons and supporters. He preferred to do his own thinking, and claimed the credit of doing so. Upon the college question, for instance, he argued that each State should have a college, and claimed that we could support them. He thought that his views upon the educational subject should receive salience from the fact that he was so eminently successful in his own business matters, which was certainly a logical deduction. I always found him sound in the faith and faithful to his convictions and his friends. He will be greatly missed in the church at Hudson, but the Lord knew that he had served his day and age faithfully, and

so after he had lived his allotted time, He took him to himself. Peace to his name.

I do not wish to have these items placed among the obituaries, but it does make me feel a little sad that we have no Ellen Gnagey nor Laura Grossnickle among us any more. It was their privilege, certainly, and we wish them much happiness, but I'm afraid the Lord's cause must suffer loss by the change of relation. Paul says: "The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit; but she that is married careth for the things of the world, how she may please her husband." But if our sisters can succeed to please their husbands so well that they will do much more for the Lord than they would have done without them, then the work may still average up fairly well. At any rate it is too late to demur now, for "The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth," and so we must "For ever hold our peace."

Brother J. H. Knepper has accepted a call to the Meyersdale charge, to take effect April 1, next, at which date his contract with this church will expire. Brother Knepper is much loved here, but he thought he would prefer to make a change, and so we were obliged to accept the situation, and must look up another pastor. It will be hard to find a brother who will be as faithful, prompt, punctual and efficient as brother Knepper has been.

I am still not well, and just now have serious fears I never will be. Sometimes I'm better and hopeful, and again I take a relapse and am much discouraged. I believe if I were in California, where I could take daily outdoor exercise, and would throw off my mind all desire to do any mental labor, for about six months, I might possibly recover. I am still able to be about, and am doing this correspondence on the Type writer.

I would like to know why it is that we never hear from our elderly brethren any more, through the *EVANGELIST*? Some of them, no all of them, are among the ablest writers and strongest defenders of the gospel alone doctrine of the Brethren church. I am thinking of P. J. Brown, Jos. W. Beer, E. L. Yoder, S. J. Harrison, J. B. Wampler, W. L. Spanogle, Jonathan Swihart, Stephen Hildebrand, S. B. Furry, S. W. Wilt, etc. There must be some occasion for your silence. I notice from inferences, that you still belong to the church, and I hope also sound in the faith, but there must be something wrong or out of the regular way or you would be heard from in our church organ. Dear brethren; time is winging us along; already we are on the shady side, and going down hill at an ever increasing speed. Soon, very soon, our time of labor and duty will have passed away. Let us be up and doing while we may. If there is anything wrong let us make it right while we are still in control of our full faculties. It is not the right thing to do, to let things go as they will, and

then complain if the boys have things their own way, when they perhaps do the very best they know to do. I'm not satisfied with the state of affairs in the Brethren church, and I would be heard from if I had strength, and will be if I ever get it again. I'm conscious of the feeling that age brings with it, of a desire for peace and harmony, but I still maintain my convictions for the right; and the Brethren church has cost us too much care and anxiety, of suffering and loss, of place and influence and means, to allow it to be mutilated in any of the essential peculiarities. It is dear to me as the "Apple of mine eye," and I hope to spend my last effort by pen or tongue in its defense. I have lately felt very powerfully the words of the Apostle Paul: "For I know this, that after my departure shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things to draw away disciples after them." Peter also suffered the same apprehension for the future of the church of God. See II Peter 2:1-2. So we may well be excused if in these latter perverse days we have a holy concern for the people of our choice. How is it with you, my brethren, beloved in the Lord, above named and others since occurring to my mind?

H. R. HOLSINGER.

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#### OUR CHICAGO LETTER

THAT SMALL BOY

I have been asked how the boy does who drew a knife on me; he is all right and as good a friend as I could have among that class of boys. Those of you who think the boys who are street trained can be handled like boys in the country, simply do not know boys. To tell a country boy you will tell his parents would likely settle the case, but one of these boys would grin in your face and perhaps spit in it. An officer showed me yesterday a woman who trains boys to steal. You can't deal with one of those boys like you would a Sunday-school boy of good training. I saw a lot of boys on Monday chase a man and beat him and after he got on the car one of the large boys hit him with a stick the size of an ax handle. To deal with these boys takes earnest, patient, persevering efforts, and at times what may seem severe methods to those not familiar with the facts, yet many of them can be saved and should be, for they are our coming citizens and rulers.

#### THE AWFULNESS OF SIN

Recently I had an invitation to make a night tour of the city with some medical and scientific men, and accepted. Our guides were two men who stood close to a very high office and who knew every foot of the way. With all my experience in city work I never before saw the awful depths into which the race had gone until then; neither had I before fully appreciated the position a Christian might occupy, and the deep gulf between hell and heaven. To speak of these things would be proper under certain cir-